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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following amendments and remarks.

A petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the time for response to October 27, 2002, and check in the amount of \$55.00 is included herewith.

No additional fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fee and credit any refund to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Amendments and remarks as follows:

Clean copy of Amendments: pages 2-3

Marked copy of Amendments: pages 4-5

Remarks: pages 8-9

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on Ogtober 28, 2002

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